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SUBJ: RETURN OF ANSAR TO SUDAN

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SUMMARY: SUDAN EFFORTS TO REPATRIATE ARMED ANSAR REBELS FROM LIBYA AND ETHIOPIA ARE MEETING WITH MIXED RESULTS. WELL INFORMED OFFICIAL BELIEVES SOME SUCCESS WILL BE ACHIEVED IN RETURNING ANSAR FROM LIBYA BUT SITUATION IN ETHIOPIA IS ALMOST HOPELESS FROM SUDAN'S POINT OF VIEW. ETHIOPIAN SITUATION COMPLICATED BY EPMG DEMANDS THAT ERITREAN/ETHIOPIAN REFUGEES BE RETURNED WHICH SUDANGOV CAN NOT AGREE TO. END SUMMARY

1. DURING CONVERSATION MARCH 2 DCM DISCUSSED SUDANGOV EFFORTS TO REPATRIATE ARMED ANSAR DISSIDENTS PRESENTLY IN LIBYA AND ETHIOPIA WITH IZZ AL-DIN SAYED WHO HAS
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BEEN CHAIRMAN PEOPLE'S ASSEMBLY FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE AND MEMBER SSU CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND WHO IS WELL INFORMED REGARDING SUDANSES DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN POLICIES. SAYED CONFIRMED THAT A CENTRAL ELEMENT IN SUDAN'S RECENT EFFORTS IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH LIBYA AND ETHIOPIA WAS HOPE THAT A CENTRAL ELEMENT IN SUDAN'S RECENT EFFORTS IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH LIBYA

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AND ETHIOPIA WAS HOPE THAT IMPROVED RELATIONS WOULD
FACILITATE REPATRIATION OF ANSAR. AS REPORTED PREVIOUSLY,
HE DESCIRBES THIS TASK AS WELL AS INTEGRATION OF
ANSAR REBELS INTO NORMAL LIFE IN SUDAN AS MOST
IMPORTANT REMAINING ASPECT OF NIMEIRI'S RECONCILIATION
WITH OPPOSITION TO BE ACCOMPLISHED.
2. SAYED INDICATED THERE IS SOME HOPE THAT THIS EFFORT
WILL BE SUCCESSFUL WITH RESPECT TO LIBYA. SUDANESE
REMAIN VERY WARY OF QADDAFI'S INTENTIONS, AND THEY ARE
WATCHING CLOSELY FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF CHAD RECONCILIATION
AGTEEMENT WITH ITS OWN REBELS. FYI: SAYED BELIEVES
THERE IS SOME EVIDENCE THAT INDICATES LIBYA IMPLEMENTING TERMS OF
AGREEMENT. END FYI. SAYED EXPECTS, PERHAPS IN NEAR FUTURE, QADDAFI
WILL ONCE AGAIN BECOM OVERTLY ANTAGONISTIC TO SUDAN.
THEREFORE, SAYED SAID, HE IS ADVISING NIMEIRI TO MOVE
QUICKLY TO REPATRIATE AS MANY ANSAR AS POSSIBLE BEFORE
THIS DEVELOPMENT OCCURS.
3. OUTLOOK FOR SUCCESSFUL REPATRIATION OF ANSAR IN
ETHIOPIA IS ALMOST HOPELESS. ETHIOPIANS WILL NOT RPT NOT
ALLOW REPATRIATION OF SUDANESE ANSAR WITH CONCOMITANT
RETURN OF ERITREAN/ETHIOPIAN REFUGEES. SAYED SAID TO
RETURN THESE REFUGEES WOULD BE TANTAMOUNT TO TURNING THEM
OVER TO THEIR EXECUTIONERS. IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE
EITHER ON POLITICAL OR HUMAN RIGHTS GROUNDS FOR SUDANESE
TO EXCHANGE ETHIOPIAN REFUGEES FOR ANSAR.
4. COMMENT: THUS ACCORDING TO SAYED SUDAN'S FUNDAMENTAL
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SECURITY PROBLEM WITH ETHIOPIA WILL BONTINUE TO EXIST.
EVEN LIBYA PRESENT THAW IS NOT EXPECTED TO LAST
LONG. SAYED BELIEVES, AS DO MOST SUDANESE LEADERS,
THAT SOVIETS WILL INTERFERE WITH ANY GENUINE RAPPROCHEMENT
SUDANESE MAY BE ABLE TO WORK OUT WITH EITHER LIBYA OR
ETHIOPIA. THUS AS INDICATED REF B SUDANESE EFFORTS
TO IMPROVE RELATIONS WITH ITS TWO HOSTILE NEIGHBORS
ARE LIKELY TO BE LITTLE MORE THAN TEMPORARY,TACTICAL
MEASURES WHOSE MAIN PURPOSE IS TO ALLOW EXPEDITIOUS
REPATRIATION OF ANSAR REBELS. OVER LONG TERM SUDANESE
PRESENTLY ARE PESSIMISTIC THAT SIGNIFICANT FUNDAMENTAL
IMPROVEMENTS CAN BE MADE AS LONG AS QADDAFI AND MENGISTU
ARE IN POWER AND ARE SUPPORTED BY SOVIET UNION.
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